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In re Application of:

Ikemoto et al.

Application No. 09/824,447

Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: R. K. Covington

Filed: April 2, 2001

For: CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE
CRYSTAL AND METHOD FOR
CRYSTALLIZATION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 11.

Please add the following claim:

A1 12-20. (New) The method of claim 12¹⁰, which comprises, after cooling to a temperature range of from not less than 30°C to less than 48°C, adding a seed crystal of citalopram hydrobromide for crystallization.

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention pertains to citalopram hydrobromide with specific crystal properties and a method of crystallizing citalopram hydrobromide.

The Pending Claims

Claims 1-9 and 12-20 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.